

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the final Office action mailed January 25, 2008. Reexamination and reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully solicited.

Claims 3-4, 5-8, 10-11, 13, 16-21, 22-23, 30-38 and 40-47 are now are pending in this application, with claims 5, 8, 18, 21, 32, and 35 being the independent claims. Claims 3, 5, 8, 13, 16, 18, 21, 25, 30, 32, 35 and 40 have been amended and claims 41-47 have been added. No new matter is believed to have been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the office action, claims 5-11, 18-23 and 32-38 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner stated they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the independent claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, applicants have amended claims 5, 8, 18, 21, 32, and 35 in independent form, including all the limitations of the independent claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, applicants submit that amended independent claims 5, 8, 18, 21, 32 and 35 are now in condition for allowance.

Furthermore, as dependent claims 3-4, 6-7, 10-11, 13, 16-17, 19-20, 22-23, 30-31, 33-34, 36-38 and 40-47 depend from, and include all the limitations of their respective independent claims, they are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Based on the above, claims are allowable over the citations of record. The other art of record is also not understood to disclose or suggest the inventive concept of the present invention as defined by the claims.

Hence, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If for some reason Applicant has not paid a sufficient fee for this response, please consider this as authorization to charge Ingrassia, Fisher & Lorenz, Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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